

REMARKS

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action dated May 17, 2007. Claims 1-23 are currently pending in the application, of which claims 12-22 are allowed and 1-11 and 23 stand rejected. Of these, claims 1, 12 and 16 are independent. By this Amendment, claims 1-11 and 23 are canceled. Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-11 and 23 have been canceled without prejudice solely for the purpose of expediting prosecution, and Applicant respectfully reserves the right to file later continuation applications directed to the claims that have been canceled herein. No new matter has been added. Accordingly, claims 12-22 remain pending in this application and are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration in light of the amendments and comments set forth herein.

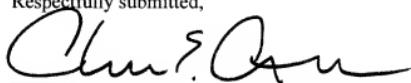
Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant notes with appreciation the allowance of claims 12-22. By this Amendment, claims 1-11 and 23 have been canceled, and thus, Applicant respectfully submits that all outstanding rejections have been addressed and are now either overcome or moot. Accordingly, favorable consideration and prompt allowance of this application are respectfully requested.

No fee is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Amendment.

However, if any fee is required, the Examiner is hereby authorized to charge the amount of such fee to Deposit Account No. 19-4709.

Respectfully submitted,



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